

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 14, 2005**

Chairman Dwyer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair James Dwyer, County Board Supervisors Patricia Haukohl, Walter Kolb, Dick Manke, William Mitchell, Duane Paulson, Duane Stamsta.

**Staff Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Office Services Coordinator Windy Jicha.

**Also Present:** Community Development Coordinator Glen Lewinski, Office Services Coordinator Donna Simmert, Program Assistant Nancy Mojica, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Director of Administration Norm Cummings, Chief of Staff Jenifer Finley.

### **Correspondence**

Dwyer distributed and reviewed the list of correspondence. He said Supervisors should request copies of the listed items from Jicha.

### **Approve Minutes of October 31, 2005**

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Mitchell second, to approve the minutes of October 31, 2005. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- The total cost spent on consultants countywide.
- Discuss public requirements for actions on the board floor.
- Supervisors' attendance and pay.

### **Discuss and Consider 160-A-020: Appointment of Patricia Haukohl to the Park and Planning Commission**

MOTION: Manke moved, Stamsta second, to approve Appointment 160-A-020.

Kolb said there have been several incidents in the past that show a voting trend with Haukohl he doesn't agree with. One incident involved Haukohl voting against the installation of sewers for environmental reasons. The other incident involved a citizen attempting to secure a grading permit after the fact and the trees he took down in the process before getting the permit. Kolb is in favor of people's property rights. There are environmental concerns but sometimes these concerns go over property right issue. He will vote no on this appointment.

Paulson said he respects the research Haukohl does. Whether or not you agree with her, Haukohl brings up issues that need to be reviewed. Manke said he admires Haukohl for standing up for herself and her opinions and respects her for speaking her mind.

Mitchell said we have to be careful if we only appoint people who think the same way we do. Kolb said he respects Haukohl providing her opinion but the committee is unbalanced.

Haukohl said regarding the issue of sewer extensions, she voted "no" for one extension. The issue of cutting down the trees got volatile. The commission voted by majority, with a motion by Genrich, second by Kolb, that the trees should be replaced. The commission wasn't aware they couldn't ask the citizen to replace the trees and later reversed the vote when this information was learned. Haukohl said most of the issues before the Commission are passed. We don't stop development but we do question things. There are a few items she has voted no on. She's proud of the work she has done.

Kolb said Haukohl does an excellent job on her homework. Problems occur when the balance of the group is off.

Stamsta said he respects Haukohl's opinion and the work she does even though he doesn't always agree with her. Diversity and change are good.

Motion carried 6-1.

**Discuss and Consider Ordinance 160-O-080: Execute Subgrantee Agreements, HUD Grant Agreement and Funding Application for Final Statement of Objectives and Projected Use of Funds and Expenditure for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs for the 2006 Program Year**

MOTION: Manke moved, Stamsta second, to approve Ordinance 160-O-080.

Lewinski distributed and reviewed two handouts that compliment the ordinance. The first handout summarizes the 2006 CDBG allocation based on receiving \$1,594,845. The handout groups the allocations into ten categories: public services, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, public facilities, planning, acquisition, historic preservation, housing, slum and blight removal and administration. The youth opportunities projects, under the neighborhood revitalization category, will be determined by the Waukesha Youth Collaborative. The balance of the housing projects will be funded "as needed" using available program income. He will let the committee know in December how these monies are allocated.

Lewinski said all neighborhood revitalization money goes through UW-Extension. We qualify for more funding by forming the neighborhood revitalization areas and concentrate the money in areas where people need it. Without these revitalization areas, the county would get a much smaller amount. It would be nice to disperse the money across the county but we need to disperse it according to the concentration of poverty.

The second handout itemizes the 2006 CDBG grant allocation. Lewinski said the City of Waukesha has its own block grant board which gets a lump sum from Waukesha County. Nine municipalities will receive a total of \$136,692 in 2006 for a variety projects including such items as comprehensive planning, parking lot paving, smart growth, etc.

Kolb said the amount of crime in the Haertl Field neighborhood has not decreased significantly. These programs aren't proven to work and make the community worse. These programs are a waste of money.

Mitchell said he is concerned that too many awards are given out and would urge the board to give out fewer awards. It is difficult to keep track of this many programs. You're asking for trouble with so many programs. Lewinski said they received 83 applications requesting \$4.3 million. Seventy programs were awarded \$1.5 million. He has mentioned to the board that the Executive Committee feels they should make fewer awards. Lewinski said he's been here 14 years and knows which projects require more follow up. Nationally, people look at Waukesha County strangely because of the high number of projects funded. He has a good handle on these projects but if he leaves he doesn't know what the next person would do.

Stamsta asked are the projects achieving what they are supposed to? Lewinski said some programs are better than others. He audits all agencies. This is the most difficult time of the year because he has to write contracts for all projects, do environmental reviews on many projects and year-end reporting needs to be entered by December 31.

Haukohl said she is concerned about the wording in line 46. She would like this line to indicate that the total grant dollars (\$4,899,350) is comprised of \$3,399,350 from HUD grants and \$1,500,000 from revolving loan/program income. The spending authority in the ordinance is fine.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Paulson second, to amend line 46 of Ordinance 160 -O-080 to read: amounts of \$3,399,350 for 2006 Subgrantee HUD Grants and \$1,500,000 for 2006 Revolving Loan/Program Income for a total of \$4,899,350. Motion carried 7-0.

On the original motion: motion carried 6-1.

### **Discuss UW-Extension Grant Application for Community Gardening Collaboration**

Simmert distributed and reviewed a handout titled, Community Gardening Collaborative. She said the original funding for this program began in 2003 with the Huber Garden Initiative gleaning produce for the local food pantries. Each year Huber inmates manage to produce and donate more and more produce to local food pantries. The evaluations after each year's project indicate that many inmates improve their knowledge of nutrition, food safety, food preparation, gardening and related skills. Some indicated they would like to start a small garden at their homes. This year's grant request will again be directed toward the Huber inmates growing produce. This grant application also focuses on opportunities to find community garden space where low-income residents may learn and participate in gardening and its benefits.

Kolb said he thinks people would rather not give money to these people. He doesn't see any value in this program and finds it to be a waste of money. Needy people could use the money for better purposes than this. Manke said this is a good program. It gets people interested in doing something for their communities.

### **Public Comment**

Finley and Cummings distributed the four budget vetoes to the committee that will be voted on at the County Board meeting tomorrow night.

### **Discuss Supreme Court Policy Planning Advisory Committee Meeting of November 10, 2005**

Dwyer said the committee discussed such issues as budget cycles, data collection, timeline, budget recommendations, video conferencing, alternatives to incarceration, etc. They talked about the difficulty in planning budgets especially with the status of the state and county budgets. The committee talked about their concerns with funding especially because 59 Wisconsin counties are facing a levy cap. A major concern of the judiciary is that as money gets tighter, what happens if counties turn the running of the courts over to the state. The intention of the judiciary is to work with the legislature and the counties. The committee also talked about the fact that court fines and forfeitures aren't going back into the system. There's a sincere effort by the Supreme Court to see that each county has a Criminal Justice Collaboration Council because of the success of the programs and costs savings associated with them. The committee looked at the future direction of PPAC including what they can do and why they were formed. In the afternoon, a judge from Milwaukee talked about the problems faced by the Milwaukee County court system.

### **Committee Reports by Committee Chairs for the Following Meetings:**

November 1, 2005 – Land Use, Parks and Environment – Kolb said the committee approved nine zoning ordinances.

November 2, 2005 – Finance – Haukohl said at this meeting the committee approved two ordinances. The first ordinance allocated Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act funds to the Department of Senior Services while the second appropriated expenditure authority for employee sick leave payouts to the 2005 Non-Departmental budget. The committee also approved a resolution to approve the issuance of refunding revenue bonds by the Waukesha County Housing Authority. The group heard reports

on in-rem foreclosure actions and third quarter investments. Lastly, they approved the contract procurement process for an Internet service provider and reviewed the list of future agenda items.

November 10, 2005 – Public Works – Manke reported that the committee approved three ordinances on the following issues: CTH ES, establishing a speed zone on CTH K and appropriating funds to the Central Fleet budget for fuel use. The committee heard updates on the Retzer addition construction material recycling project, mass transit and fiscal and operating issues of the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission. Esler said that committee will agendize an endorsement of Waukesha Metro as the county's administrator and the mass transit budget will need \$125K this year to cover a shortfall.

November 10, 2005 – Health and Human Services – Stamsta said this was a joint meeting with the HHS board and committee. The committee approved an ordinance to appropriate state funding to HHS for the WIC Program. Both groups head reports on Community Jail Reintegration Housing, the Public Health Center Review and the Avian flu.

November 11, 2005 – Judiciary and Law Enforcement – Mitchell said at the meeting, the committee approved an ordinance to accept Homeland Security grant funding and to modify the 2005 budget accordingly. They also heard updates on the CJCC and the legislature. The Sheriff's Department was unable to give their presentation on sensitive crimes. The presentation has been rescheduled for the December 2 meeting.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Haukohl second, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Kolb  
Secretary